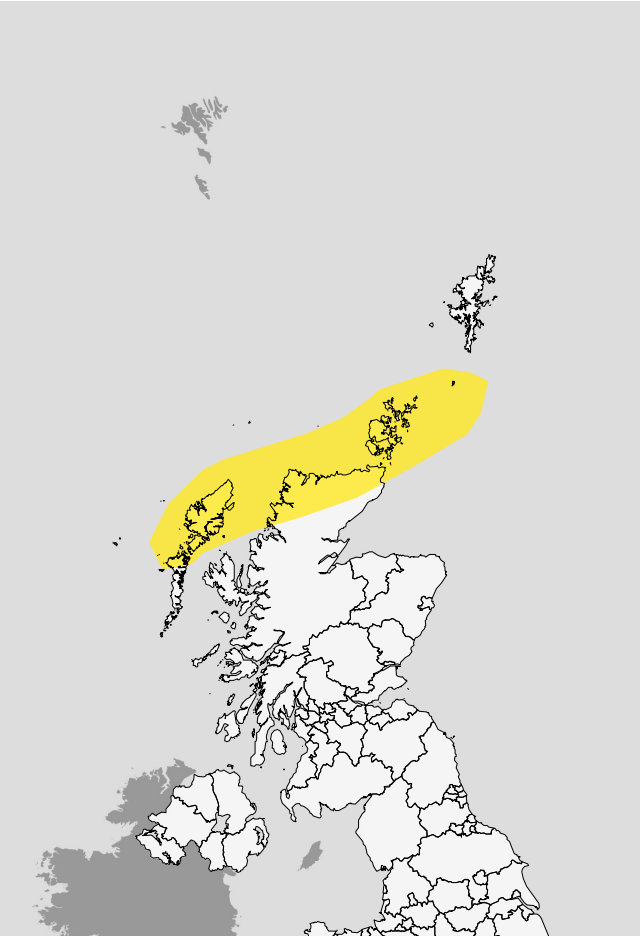
Yellow warning
Wind

Between
07:00 Sat 21 Dec 2024 and
23:59 Sat 21 Dec 2024



A period of strong winds on Saturday may lead to significant transport disruption including ferry cancellations.

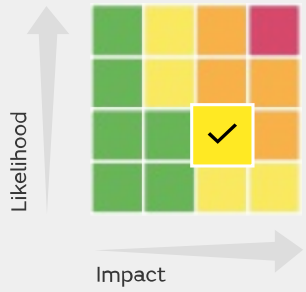
What to expect

- Some delays to public transport are likely, as well as disruption to travel by road. There is a small chance of significant delays or even cancellations to services however, including ferry and air, whilst some roads, bridges and causeways may be closed.
- Some damage to buildings, such as tiles blown from roofs, could happen
- Injuries and danger to life could occur from large waves and beach material being thrown onto sea fronts, coastal roads and properties
- Power cuts may occur, with the potential to affect other services, such as mobile phone coverage

Further details

Very strong westerly winds are expected to develop through the course of Saturday in association with a deep area of low pressure, with gusts of 65-75 mph expected. There is a small chance that gusts in excess of 80 mph could occur across this region. Dangerous coastal conditions can be expected too, with large waves an additional hazard, especially in respect to causeways.

A busier than usual travel period in the run up to Christmas is also a factor which may result in an increased chance of impacts.



✓ Low likelihood of medium impacts

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Further Details (continued)

What should I do?

Prepare to protect your property and people from injury. Check for loose items outside your home and plan how you could secure them. Items include; bins, garden furniture, trampolines, tents, sheds, and fences.

Give yourself the best chance of avoiding delays by checking road conditions if driving, or bus timetables, amending your travel plans if necessary.

People cope better with power cuts when they have prepared for them in advance. It's easy to do; consider gathering torches and batteries, a mobile phone power pack and other essential items.

If you are on the coast, stay safe during stormy weather by being aware of large waves. Even from the shore large breaking waves can sweep you off your feet and out to sea. Take care if walking near cliffs; know your route and keep dogs on a lead. In an emergency, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard.

Be prepared for weather warnings to change quickly. When a weather warning is issued, the Met Office recommends staying up to date with the weather forecast in your area.

Reason for update

Warning area adjusted slightly northwards.

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